UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY



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July 11, 2017 (via eMail)

Mr. Jeff Harris Consistency Section Office of Coastal Management Louisiana Department of Natural Resources 617 N 3rd St., Suite A Baton Rouge, LA 70802

Dear Mr. Harris:

Region 6 is proposing to reissue the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) General Permit No. GMG290000 for Oil and Gas Extraction to the Gulf of Mexico. The permit will authorize discharges from existing source and New Source facilities in the Offshore Subcategory of the Oil and Gas Extraction Point Source Category which are located off Texas and Louisiana.

The Coastal Zone Management Act (CZMA) and its implementing regulations (15 CFR 930) require that any Federally licensed or permitted activity affecting the coastal zone of a state with an approved Coastal Zone Management Program (CZMP) be consistent with the CZMP (Section 307(c)(3)(A) subpart D). EPA will conduct the proposed activity in a manner consistent to the maximum extent practicable with the enforceable policies of the Louisiana Coastal Resources Program. EPA has concluded that the discharges associated with this proposed permit activity are consistent with the Louisiana Coastal Management Plan. The proposed permit and a summary of changes are sent with this request to you via an email dated July 11, 2017, for your review. Please notify us within 30 days whether or not you concur with our conclusions.

Thank you for the assistance and cooperation in this matter. If you should have any questions concerning this proposed permitting action, please contact me at (214) 665-7364.

Sincerely,

Isaac Chen Permitting Section NPDES Permits & TMDL Branch